

Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application with the following listing of claims.

Listing of claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for synchronizing measurement events within a portable radio communication apparatus providing multiple radio access technologies including a first radio access technology device and a second radio access technology device, comprising the steps of:

the portable radio communication apparatus engaging in transceiver activities that are separated by one or more idle gaps;

the portable radio communication apparatus ascertaining whether identifying an idle gap between transceiver activities of the first radio access technology device is suitable for usage by the second radio access technology device[[], and];

the first radio access technology device responding to the idle gap between transceiver activities of the first radio access technology device being suitable for usage by the second radio access technology device by sending an execute signal from the first radio access technology device to the second radio access technology device for initiating inter radio access technology measurements of said second radio access technology device to be performed during said idle gap; and

the second radio access technology device responding to the execute signal by performing a measurement operation during the idle gap.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said execute signal is sent at the beginning of said gap.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said execute signal is sent at a specified period before said gap.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, comprising, before the step of sending an execute signal, the additional step of:

sending a prepare signal to said second radio access technology device for information about an upcoming gap available for inter radio access technology measurements of said second radio access technology device.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method according to claim 4, comprising the further step of:

preparing said second radio access technology device for performing said inter radio access technology measurements.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A method according to claim 5, wherein said step of preparing said second radio access technology device comprises the step of:

bringing said second radio access technology device out of a low-power consuming state.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A method according to claim 5, wherein said prepare signal includes information about the estimated length of said gap.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method according to claim 7, wherein said step of preparing said second radio access technology device comprises the step of:

determining whether inter radio access technology measurements are possible during the next gap, based on information about the estimated length of said gap.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said execute signal includes information about the estimated length of said gap.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of identifying an idle gap is performed between transceiver activities of a GSM based first radio access technology device and said execute signal is sent to a WCDMA based second radio access technology device for initiating inter radio access technology measurements of said WCDMA based second radio access technology device to be performed during said gap.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of identifying an idle gap is performed between transceiver activities of a WCDMA based first

radio access technology device and said execute signal is sent to a GSM based second radio access technology device for initiating inter radio access technology measurements of said GSM based second radio access technology device to be performed during said gap.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A portable radio communication apparatus providing multiple radio access technologies, comprising a controller, a first radio access technology device and a second radio access technology device, wherein the first radio access technology device engages in transceiver activities that are separated by one or more idle gaps, wherein said first and second radio access technology devices are operatively interconnected, and said controller is adapted to comprises:

means for ascertaining whether identify an idle gap between transceiver activities of said first radio access technology device is suitable for usage by the second radio access technology device[[], and]];

means for responding to the idle gap between transceiver activities of the first radio access technology device being suitable for usage by the second radio access technology device by causing the first radio access technology device to send an execute signal from the first radio access technology device to said second radio access technology device for initiating inter radio access technology measurements of said second radio access technology device during said idle gap; and

means for causing the second radio access technology device to respond to the execute signal by performing a measurement operation during the idle gap.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A portable radio communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said first and second radio access technology devices have common radio resource means for said inter radio access technology measurements.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A portable radio communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said first radio access technology device is a GSM based radio access technology device and said second radio access technology device is a WCDMA radio access technology device.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A portable radio communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said first radio access technology device is a WCDMA based radio access

technology device and said second radio access technology device is a GSM radio access technology device.